

Roller Rifles Capture Another Trophy

Roller Rifles Attend Parade In Alexandria

On February 22, the Roller Rifles marched in the annual George Washington Day Parade in Alexandria. The Roller Rifles was one of many fine drill teams such as the University of Virginia and Randolph Macon Academy. We were by far the best drilled and best looking outfit.

The uniform of the Roller Rifles for the parade was battle jackets, full dyke, gray pants bloused in the Corcoran boots, garrison caps, and red scarves. The cadets were assisted in getting ready by Capt Gibbs, Cadets Howard and Hollingsworth.

They really looked sharp.

It took a lot of practice to get the movements "down pat." For a number of nights the gym floor was used as a "drill field." Cadets were constantly marching during drill in the afternoons, and they had two drills on Sunday afternoons. The most popular moments in the parade were change squads and the marching manual. The Silent Manual was done only once and the Queen Anne Salute was done at the reviewing stand.

For transportation we used the Green Ghost, which was driven by

Capt Gibbs, and the new bus which was driven by Sgt. Hutton.

From approximately 4:30 to 8:00 was our free time. Some cadets went out with their parents. Others went to dinner and to the movies. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The Roller Rifles have two more parades to attend this year, one in Lexington in the latter part of March and the annual Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester after spring vacation. We are sure they will continue to do well.

Congratulations, members of the Roller Rifles, on your efforts, and your precision drilling.



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Roller Rifle Dance (Midwinter's Ball)

A. M. A. has tried something new again. This year, the Midwinter was in honor of our crack drill team, the Roller Rifles.

Several years ago, the Roller Rifles were formed in honor of Charles S. Roller III. Since then they have grown in ability and fame, until the present day, and are now recognized as being one of the South's finest. Isn't it fitting to give a dance in honor of such a well drilled and disciplined unit? Our Social Director, Capt. Savedge cer-

tainly thinks so, and we all agree.

The Roller Rifles gave a crack demonstration during the intermission. A big crowd was on hand, comprised of girls from Fairfax Hall, Stuart Hall, Mary Baldwin College, Harrisonburg, and Staunton. Several alumni were also on hand. The down beat source was better than ever with Ray Houser and his orchestra.

Some cadets who were tired of "staggering" it, and watching the other men have the fun, wised up and got blind dates.



HARRY AND DICK WITH DATES

The YMCA Holds Amateur Hour

Sunday night, February 26, 1956 the Augusta Military Academy Y. M. C. A. held their annual amateur hour in the Big Room.

We had six acts which were composed of: A comic act by Joe LaRue; a rope act by Norris Corbell and Nelson Salas; the friendly three who were Charles Emmons, Jerry Wildman, and Pete Kelbough; Womer and Robbin from the junior barracks also gave us some good music. We had the seven troubadours who were Charles Hollingsworth, Hack Harrison, Dick Wells, Bill Jeager, John Linden, John Leuterio, and Jim Crass; and last but not least was Roger Morris who tapped danced, he was accompanied by Cadet Rincon who played the accordion.

Prizes went to, The Friendly Three, first; Roger Morris and cadet Rincon who received second, and Cadets Womer and Robbin who received third. All in all it was a fine time and good clean entertainment. We all thank Captain Lucas for his time in helping us with his arrangement for the prizes.

Doug Trainum

YMCA Attends World Missions

The Augusta Military Academy Y. M. C. A. was invited to attend a supper and a talk on World Missions at the First Presbyterian Church in Staunton on January 5, 1956.

For the past few years, Augusta's meetings and suppers have been well represented. This year they have been better than the ones last year.

Most of the schools in the vicinity were represented. Staunton Military Academy, Stuart Hall, Mary Baldwin and Lee High are always represented.

Captain Lucas, who has been the advisor to the Y. M. C. A. for some years, always puts a lot of work and time on getting all of the arrangements made. Thank you Captain Lucas for your time and effort.

Colonel Charles S. Roller, our principal, furnishes our transportation, which is certainly appreciated. Thank you Colonel Roller.

This year the meeting started with a movie about World Missions. After this everyone had supper, and then a most enjoyable and educational talk by Mr. J. A. Jones.

Doug Trainum

Recall and Bayonet Editors Attend 27th SIPA Conference

Jim Hollar, Doug Trainum, Adrian Howard and Steve Tomasek, will represent Augusta at the 26th Annual convention of the Southern Interscholastic Press Association to be held at Washington and Lee University April 29 and 30.

These four cadets will accompany Captain Koogler and Captain Savage advisors to Cadet Publications at Augusta on the first and second day. The Editors will also attend the Saturday session to go over the critical analysis of both publications.

They will also attend the Banquet which brings to a close the meeting at which awards for all classes of publications will be made.

Included among the many sessions to be held are short courses in photography, Photographic Print clinics, short courses in radio, yearbook and newspapers.

A student President of S.I.P.A. will also be elected to serve for the coming year.

Further information regarding the speakers selected for the programs will be announced in the next Bayonet.

Col. Roller Approves Seniors Permits For '56 Graduating Class

"Senior Privileges" became a reality again when Col. Roller gave his assurance to Cadet Captain Howard that he would grant this privilege to members of the senior class who would graduate in June.

This was the same privilege that was granted the Seniors a year ago by the faculty and Col. Roller, who met to draw up the set of rules.

All old cadet seniors shall have the privilege to apply for Senior permits on Saturday nights from 7:00 P. M. to 11:30 P. M. They shall be allowed to go to Staunton, Waynesboro, or Harrisonburg. These permits started in January 1956. Only those boys who have dates at Fairfax Hall or Madison College will be allowed to go to Waynesboro or Harrisonburg. The names of the dates must be on their permits and approved only for that purpose.

All new cadet seniors shall have the privilege to apply for two permits a month to Staunton alone, from 7:00 to 11:30.

No Senior who has failed two or more subjects for the preceding month to which he is applying for permit will be allowed to go on Senior permit.

If there is any evidence of any misconduct whatsoever on the part

Government Inspection

As almost everyone knows the time of year will soon arrive when we go through our annual inspection.

Augusta has always made excellent records in these inspections, and we certainly want to keep up this tradition.

To make a good record means to start early in the year and continue after the inspection each year.

The record we make will be the result of the way we live and study through the year, not what can be rushed through in a day or two.

If we were to practice getting ready each day, things which we are judged on, inspection would be a minor event at A. M. A.

If you haven't done this, now is the time to start getting ready.

CADET HANK SERWAT HEADS HONOR ROLL

Cadet Henry Serwat received the highest academic honor out of the entire school, for the month of March, for being top man on the honor roll, with a grand average of 92.33 including all of his subjects.

Second in line for this coveted honor was Tom Petty, a day student from Staunton, Va. We all congratulate especially these two boys and all the others who received such high academic honors.

Col. Roller, our Principal, has a special privilege list which consists of those cadets who made an average of 80 to 90.

When this month's grades were released there were 40 cadets who made this list. This was an exceedingly large number.

Let us all work hard this next month and try to make the honor roll or the privilege list.

of any senior, his privilege will be immediately taken away for the remainder of the year. It should be noted that the present Senior Class, will, in consideration for these permits, obligate itself as have the preceding classes, to regulate the conduct of its members while they are on permit. Any violation of the regular school permit or any conduct unbecoming a senior at Augusta will be dealt with by the senior class, and if the person or persons accused are found guilty, the senior class will recommend to the Student Body Officers and to the Principal, severe penalty in addition to the loss of the senior permit of the guilty person.

Each Saturday night the officers of one company will be required to stay in barracks to help with the discipline of the Corps. A list of each Company's Saturday night duty will be given to the Company Commander of each company.



Midwinter Socials Open With Series Company Dances

After everyone had finished complaining about not having any hot water for a shower, the word got around that there was hot water in the gym. From then on, it was every man for himself! Every where you looked, there were cadets scrubbing ears, shining shoes, pressing pants, putting every hair in place, and all were getting ready for the dance!

"I wonder what she looks like?"
"Hey man, do you know Betty Sue, of Stuart Hall?"

Your Attention Please!

The Bayonet Staff would like to acknowledge the unselfish work of John Buchanan, Jimmy Hollar, Hank Serwat, J. A. Pugh, and Ed England who helped to make the publication of this issue possible.

Lincoln—Still A Man Of The Present

Two well-worn utterances of Abraham Lincoln help to explain the character and conduct of the man who was born a nobody 143 years ago today and now “belongs to the ages.” He had not blind confidence in ancient wisdom or experience. “The dogmas of the quiet past,” he said, “are inadequate to the stormy present.” Nor did he think it wise or practical to plan the future too far ahead. “Few can be induced to labor exclusively for posterity. Posterity has done nothing for us.”

So there he stands by his own confession, at the perpetual pivot of history which is the present day. He claimed no kinship with great men of times gone by. He admitted no knowledge of the destiny of the nation he saved from disaster. He had courage sufficient to endure the day, and wisdom to meet its clamoring problems and perplexities. His humility, his tolerance, his humor, his habit of prayer were all dedicated to today.

Many have wondered how Abraham Lincoln might serve and guide the American people in these confused and troubled times. How might he answer questions on which the world’s peace depends, and the lives of millions of people? How much would he use the authority of his office, and how long-suffering would his patience be?

Lincoln’s life answered these questions, and much that he said and wrote. “I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end.”

Washington—Virginian, American

Today in most of the schoolrooms across the nation, and perhaps especially in Virginia, the students will be laboring over compositions involving cherry trees, silver dollars, Valley Forge, Yorktown, and the story of the man who could have been King.

The Continental Congress brought Washington to the national scene as commanding general in those hectic days of 1775 when independence was not the issue so much as liberty. George III, however, was not in a conciliatory mood toward the insurgents and in the mind of the Congress all thought of compromise was soon overcome by a wave of indignation and a new burst of patriotism.

Washington took the field armed more with courage than firepower, strong in faith but weak in regiments. The Congress could offer little legal support. It passed resolutions, not laws, and it issued requisitions, not orders.

Tom Paine said “These are the times that try men’s souls.” Washington must surely have agreed. Then came the French Alliance, victories at sea, a fresh supply of troops, the battle of Yorktown, and after that peace.

The lessons of the period of the Confederation were not lost on Washington. He realized that a weak nation having an ineffective government would remain the pawn of European diplomacy.

A man who had beaten the British at war might be able to defend the nation at peace. Washington as president demonstrated the moral character and devotion to duty which had distinguished him in the field. His appraisal of policies which would serve the national interest has proved more accurate in the view of historians than the opinion of his brilliant associates, Hamilton and Jefferson.

In 1794 John Jay signed a treaty with Britain that was immensely unpopular at home. The treaty was a diplomatic victory for the British and Americans were incensed. Washington, however, felt that the treaty would prevent war at least for a time, and at his insistence, the Senate confirmed the pact.

Washington, the man, did not have the administrative genius of Hamilton or the philosophic depth of Jefferson. Yet he was less emotional and more reasoned in his approach to government than either of them. He had executive ability and the capacity for sound leadership which the new nation needed more than theories or rhetoric.

He had one hope—peace; one goal—independence; and one guide—justice.

The present emergency demands leadership in this tradition, if our country is to preserve the independence won by the men of Washington’s time.

THE RECALL WILL BE A HIT

According to all reports and proofs, the 1956 Recall will really be a standout. Every picture will be new and every engraving is new. This means that the Recall needs the support of every cadet and patron. To reserve a copy, subscriptions should be entered immediately. With a tri-color cover, art work throughout the book and informal pictures spread on every page, we urgently advise all cadets to get their subscription in now. We of the Bayonet Staff wish to salute The 1956 Recall in advance, as we know you all will on publication.

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Mrs. Maggie Bell R. Robinson Dies

Mrs. Warren S. Robinson, who had been a patient here in Fort Defiance for sometime and at various times in the King’s Daughters’ Hospital died there at 2:35 on January 25, 1956.

Mrs. Maggie Bell Roller Robinson, widow of Col. Warren S. Robinson who died in 1947, lived all of her life here in the old Roller home where she was born. She was the oldest of the family of Prof. Charles S. Roller and his wife, Rosabell Moorman Roller, and was married in 1919.

Col. and Mrs. Robinson spent four years in the Pacific Ocean islands, two years in the Philippines, and two years at Corregidor.

Her brother, Col. T. J. Roller preceeded her in death in 1946. Survivors include her brothers, Dr. W. C. Roller and Col. Charles S. Roller Jr. both living at the Augusta Military Academy; a niece, Mrs. Hilton Roller Grasty, Charlottesville; nephew, Capt. Thomas A. Roller of Houston, Texas; two grand-nieces, Linda Moorman Roller and Virginia Sommerville, and three grand nephews, Tommy Roller, Charles Roller, and Michael Roller.

“Miss Maggie Bell Roller, as she was known for years in the old Stone Church neighborhood, was an institution unto herself. She either directed the choir or played the piano or organ for the Stone Church Sunday School and church services for 64 years. She had a class of her own composed of young women that she taught for 40 years.

Mrs. Robinson was very public-spirited. While in Corregidor she was president of the Officers Woman’s club, sang and directed the choir, and was head of the Dramatic Club. She was a graduate of Mary Baldwin Seminary now a college, and while there she won the Miss Strickler medal for the best in senior Latin and the medal for instrumental music and also for voice.

She was past president of the local Mary Baldwin College Alumnae Association; also of the Thursday Music Club of Staunton; very active and at one time regent of the D. A. R. She had also been president of the Ladies Auxiliary of

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School Nurse Dies

Mrs. A. R. Thompson, School Nurse of Augusta Military Academy died at 4:30 P. M. on Sunday the 20th of February, 1956. Mrs. Thompson has been with Augusta for the past nineteen years. She has been House Mother for Junior Barracks, Dietitian for the school, and of course the School Nurse.

She became sick just a few days before her death and was taken to the King’s Daughters’ Hospital for treatment. Ther it was discovered that she had developed a chronic heart condition. She asked to be taken “Home”, that is to say back to the infirmary which has been her home for quite a while. She returned Saturday afternoon and was put to bed.

Few if any, of the Cadets had any idea of her serious condition. So far as they knew she was just taking it easy after a short stay in the hospital.

She died while the Corps was at Sunday Dress Parade. The news of her death was a complete surprise to the Corps.

Funeral services were held in the Augusta Stone Church Graveyard on Wednesday, February 22nd. The Corps of Cadets was present at the services, and the Pallbearers were Cadets.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Austin Hotchkiss, and two granddaughters. Mrs. Thompson would have been seventy years old in July. Her only daughter was able to make the long trip from Texas, to attend the funeral.

EASTER

BY HENRY SERWAT

A day which we all look forward to and revere, is Easter Sunday. This national, and world, day of prayer is one which affects most of the peoples and religions of our country. It is a time that most people use to unite in a common effort to bring themselves into closer alignment with the teachings of the Master.

It is surprising to note how little is really known about Easter. For instance, how many of our readers know that Easter may fall on any one of 35 days between March 22—April 25? This range of time was inaugurated in A. D. 325 by the Council of the Christian Churches at Nicea, in Asia Minor. They decided that Easter shall be on the first Sunday following the Pascal Full Moon. The Pascal Full Moon is unique in that it is neither the real nor the astronomical full moon. The principal reason for adopting this time was that the pilgrims needed moonlight to travel on their way to the great, yearly, Easter festivities.

Because of this wide fluctuation, the British Parliament in 1928 passed a permissive statue with the purpose of bringing Easter within the orderly scope of a solar measurement of time, determining provisionally that it should be the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April. This would have reduced the range of variation to less than a week. The change was to await international consent. So far, it has not been acted upon.

Easter is the chief festival of the Christian year, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus. It occurs about the same time as the ancient, heathen, Roman celebration of the Vernal Equinox, the arrival of spring. Mohammendans celebrate Good Friday as the day Adam was created and also, the Germans celebrated the day as being sacred to the goddess-mother, wife of Odin.

With a little reference to the Almanac, we have seen that Easter really means little as far as a calendar date is concerned. Down through the years, the time and recognition of Easter has been varied in ways which were convenient for the masses of Christian people. No doubt it will vary in the same manner in the future. What really matters is that the true meaning of Easter has not, and will not change. Sometimes, the light of Easter has been hidden for a time by material obstacles, but it always rises to the surface again in its full and deepest meaning.

We all have different ways of acknowledging the supreme triumph our Master made over the temporary and superficial laws of this mortal plane of existence, but the author believes that people should unite in a common view that Easter is not a time for grief in the death of our Lord, but an opportunity to be thankful for the example He set whereby we may free ourselves from the bonds of the death dream which hinders our advancement to “The Kingdom of God.”

Surely the man who commanded the storm to be still and walked on the water, could have used this same power to rise completely beyond the material grasp of His tormenters. But no, instead, He remained so as to fulfill prophecy and show the way for us. Instead of using Him as a box seat ticket to Heaven, we should strive to follow His example and to work out our own salvation in the way that He commanded us. No one else can do it for us, and so it is a good idea to start on the job right now.

Jesus said, in reference to the great works He did, “These works that I do, shall ye do also And greater works than these shall ye do, for I go unto my Father.”

Presenting Our Seniors Of The Month

Adrian Howard

Could you have seen a picture of Abie when he first entered Augusta three years ago, you would notice a resemblance but nothing between the present and the original version. He is probably best known for his honor. He has received almost the highest honor awards at Augusta. Besides being Battalion Commander he is undoubtedly a very fine athlete. First, he was out for football this fall with a splendid performance at the end position. Then to baseball, which he declares is his best sport. He is in there fighting hard in the catching position.

Academically, he could be the top man, if so much of his time wasn’t devoted to his daily duties.

A great Recall editor, Adrian promises nothing but the best.

Jimmy Mahanes

Jimmy is completing his sixth year at Augusta. Upon graduating he expects to enter Washington and Lee where he hopes to major in Chemical Engineering.

Academically he always manages to make the privilege list, besides his many other arduous duties.

In athletics, he is now devoting his time to baseball as a pitcher. A good prospect, we expect a great deal of him this season. He claims

football as his favorite sport, and he surely proved this by his outstanding performances this past season.

Should you go looking for him any afternoon, you will find that his time is well spent with many responsibilities.

As president of our Student Body he has gone all the way to bring nothing but the best.

We of the Bayonet Staff congratulate you both as being seniors of the month.

Jim Hollar

AUGUSTA’S MARCH OF DIMES A SUCCESS

A. M. A. contributed \$100.00 in excess of last year’s amount in the March of Dimes Program here at Augusta this year. The total amount collected was \$346.86 with more reported to be coming in day by day.

This amount came from the Cadet Corps and faculty.

Each Company collected its money separately. The Company collecting the most money was given an extra dance of their own to be held in the Playroom. The winner was “C” Company, with a total of \$89.64.

The Spotlight

Hank Serwat, Sports Editor

A Look At Spring Sports

by Hank Serwat

In the eyes of this reporter, the athletic program here at Augusta is on the upswing. The interest shown in the different sports this spring is one which shows promise of growing and producing better teams. The spark that set the tinder ablaze was furnished by the basketball team, which is enjoying a five-hundred per cent improvement over last year. Under the skillful direction of Coach Livick, the team, at times, exhibited a brand of ball playing that has not been seen in a long while here at A. M. A. Although out classed by several teams, our own seven man squad stuck to its job and showed the formerly unresponsive Augusta crowd that they had something to be proud of. This same crowd, with their continued backing, will see a much more improved and experienced team next year as coach plans to use as a nucleus, the three men returning from this year's squad.

The rifle team, under Major Christy, has also done its share to boost the athletic standing of A.M.A. by piling up an outstanding record of successful competition. Most certainly the Augusta Sharpshooters deserve a salute from the corps for bringing such splendid recognition to their school. The P. M. S. & T. is really appreciated for once, it seems.

Major Hoover's "fin men" have pulled a good deal of admiration behind them in their frothy wakes as they sliced the waves to several victories, both in our own tank and in the pools of other competitors. He also will have a fine nucleus for next year with the experience of this year and last behind him. It is hoped more boys will be trying out next year for the swimming team.

Baseball, although it is considered to be more or less a summer sport, it is becoming more prominent as basketball enters its final days. The outlook for this year's team is good. Only one boy was graduated last year. The number of men reporting for practice will probably be the

largest ever put on a field at A.M.A. and so there will be a great deal of competition for starting positions. It is obvious the hopes for a good team will be justified.

In the preceding paragraphs, we've taken a quick look at the major sports which fill the spring calendar here at A.M.A. and this reporter has brought out the fact that the seemingly impossible has been accomplished. Interest has been roused in the athletic set up here, and the editors of this paper are waiting to see just how many of the more skilled cadets will emerge from their life of leisure and join the ranks of men who have guts enough to come out and stay out for a sport.

Sports After The Rest Period

The sports program at AMA after the rest period promises to be unusually good. There will be interesting activity for everyone in school.

The major sports consisting of baseball, lacross, and tennis should draw a large crowd.

Besides these major sports, there will be opportunity for cadets to participate in other intra-mural sports.

There will also be opportunity for those who are interested in golf to play at the Ingleside under the supervision of Col. McCue.

As for intra-murals, we hope to have a softball tournament and other tournaments if there is sufficient interest.

So find out what you would like to do and go out.

If what you like to play is not available, then go out for a sport which you know nothing about.

You will be surprised to find that some sports which you know nothing about will turn out to be a pleasant and profitable experience.

Learning a new game is fun and is very helpful to you.

Va. Episcopal Versus Augusta Game



SERWAT UP FOR THE TIP IN



NORFOLK ACADEMY vs. A.M.A.

The first game with V. E. S. was played on the opponent's home court in Lynchburg. The Augusta hardcourt warriors, arriving cramped from the 90 mile bus ride, showed plenty of spunk even though the lopsided score would seem to deny this fact. V. E. S's big center was held to six points in the first half by the determined efforts of Augusta's own center, Hank Serwat. Because he had piled up 4 fouls, the big man came back in the second half to get 14 more points when the pressure on him was eased. Little Steve Rodgers, although he had an off day, deserves praise for becoming the play-maker of the game. Big Bill Babione also played a good game by clearing a great many rebounds for A. M. A. Bob Mariner, hitting for a change, kept plunking in shots from the outside. Don Radford and Kit Carson, two of the three boys returning next year, also played well and showed much promise, Frank McAllister looked good too.

The scoring for Augusta was as follows: McAllister 10, Rodgers 5, Serwat 21, Mariner 10, Babionne 10.

It was a very surprised and worried V. E. S. team that walked off the floor at half-time of the second game which was played on our floor. They had come here expecting an easy win, and instead, found the score tied 26 all at the half time. A wide awake Augusta team battled V. E. S. right down to the finish line in an attempt to upset the visiting team.

It was a close game, with A.M.A. leading throughout the first half, and Mariner, who followed up with the spotlight on him with Serwat and McAllister, Rodgers, though scoring lightly, set up the plays. A third quarter lapse on the part of A. M. A., put V. E. S. ahead. They managed to stay ahead throughout the fourth quarter, and as the game drew to an end, the score read 54 to 46. High scorers for A. M. A. were Serwat 22, Mariner 12, and McAllister 6.

Fencing Review

This year the fencing team has turned in a good record. The team got off to a good start by downing V. M. I.'s team 14-13. V. M. I. lost on their own strip to Augusta's swordsmen although they did not have a full regulation team of nine men. They forfeited 14 points to A. M. A.

Co-Captains Hugh Harmon and Nestor Moya won 2 out of the 3 bouts which they engaged in. Abelardo Aguiar and Ed Trout also won 2 out of 3 bouts.

Augusta did best in Saber where they won five. In Epee, Trout won 2 out of 3 while Chuck Gibbs and Pugh won one. In the Foil matches, Hugh Harmon won two while Jim Handy won a single.

On the fourth of February Augusta's Fencers packed their bags and left to see what they could do to Navy. We lost the meet and although we had expected it, we wanted to win that one more than
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Attend the Sports Program

There will be many interesting sports events held in the gym in the near future. Every cadet should plan to attend as many of these as he possibly can.

The boys who give their time to practice appreciate a good crowd to cheer them on.

To be at the different sports shows that that you have school spirit. Although you can't play, you can be behind the team all the way.

So, let's get down to the gym and let's back all the teams with a lot of cheering and spirit.

We have a good program so let's help to win as many games as possible.

AMA Polar Bears Defeat VMI Rats

After losing to the VMI rats on January 18, 66-11, the AMA Polar Bears went home and practiced hard for their chance. Tony Webster lead off with a win in the 50 yard free style event, the first of sprints. Jim Hume placed first in the 100 yard free style after two firsts in the first two events. The rest of the team tried its hardest to equal this record. Dick Clotfelter lead for 75 yards in the 100 yard free style, but the cold water took its toll. His muscles tightened up on the 75 yards. He placed third. Harry Sommers second in the 100 yard back stroke. There was a tie for first place in the diving between Tom Petty and Bill Eastlack. Tom Petty and Bill Baker gave us a second and

third respectively in the 150 yard individual medley.

Our relay teams proved to be too much for VMI. The medley went to Sommers. Hume, G. Hume, J. and Webster placed first. The free style relay of Wood, McAleese, Clotfelter, and Jim Petty also came through with a first. The final score was AMA 72, VMI Rats 35.

Swimmers "A very commendable job."

Baseball Prospects For Season Are Good

This season promises to be one of the best baseball seasons Augusta has ever had.

Capt. Gibbs has consented to be our coach again this year. We are very fortunate in having such a capable coach to head our club.

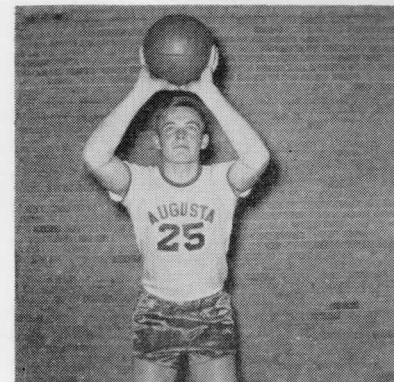
We will have nine men back who played last year. The following men will form the nucleus for our team: McAllester, Howard, Sheffer, Hollingsworth, Sommers, Leuterio, Tomasek, Rogers, and Llewellyn.

The new comers who will furnish much opposition are Serwat, Carson, Harrison, Radford, and Rice and several others.

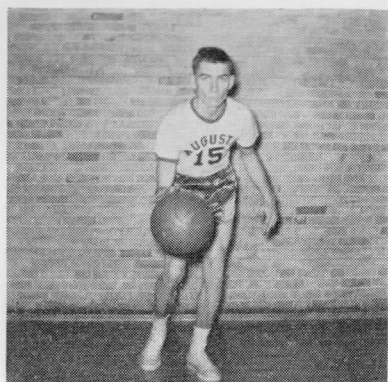
Augusta has a thirteen game schedule this year which is one of the best we have had.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 11	.....V.E.S.....	Home
April 14	.....Fishburne.....	Away
April 17	.....V.S.D.B.....	Away
April 19	.....Blue Ridge.....	Home
April 21	.....Miller School.....	Away
April 25	.....Woodberry.....	Away
April 28	.....Randolph Macon	Home
May 1	.....Fishburne.....	Home
May 4	.....V.S.D.B.....	Home
May 9	.....V.E.S.....	Home
May 15	.....Randolph Macon	Away
May 17	.....Blue Ridge.....	Away
May 21	.....Miller School.....	Home



"Hank"



"Frank"

Know Your Players—Frank McAllister and Hank Serwat

When you are attending an Augusta basketball game down at the gym, you are certain to pick out the two outstanding players on the team. That big number 25, is Henry Serwat from Geneva, Illinois. Hank is a new cadet here at A. M. A. but has definitely proved himself both on the football field and now in the gym, as one of our outstanding athletes. Henry was a four letter man at his Geneva High School, as he played football, basketball, ran track and played base-

ball. He is our high scorer on the basketball team, and next year, when he will be a senior, he has a good chance to make all-state.

The next player you are sure to see is smiling Frank McAllister. Although Frank stands just 5:10 he is an excellent board man and is a deadly shot from both corners as well as from the foul line. This is Frank's third year on our varsity basketball team, and each year he has improved. Frank is second in scoring only to Serwat. Aside from playing basketball he is a first-stringer on the varsity baseball team. Frank has done a fine job, as co-captain along with Steve Rogers.

Spanish Column

LOS DEPORTES

Ya llego la temporada de Base Ball, los aficionados salen al terreno a practicar para los juegos que segun el horario seran numerosos y con tra buenos equipos.

Entre los latinos tenemos buenos representantes en el equipo; Fermin Diaz, short-stop, Francisco Lamas, tercera base, Oscar Lopez, center field, Hunberto Perez, segunda base; todos los nombrados son Venezolanos. Mientras estos deportistas estan alegres, otros estan tristes: los otros deportes, o sean los de invierno ya terminaron.

El equipo que mas resalto fue el de tiro, el cual de 25 encuentros ga no 22; entre sus mas destacadas victorias se encuentra la victoria sobre la academia militar de los Estados Unidos. Los representantes latinos en el mencionado equipo fueron Roberto Pupo, de Cuba, Diego Arria, de Vene zuela, Victor Rodriguez, de Cuba, y yo, de Vene-zuela.

La esgrima, la cual termino su campana, tenia cuatro latinos: Luis Moja rrieta, de Cuba, Nestor Moya, de Cuba, Aberlardo Aguiar, de Cuba, y Hum berto Perez, de Vene-zuela. Dicho equipo vencio a la Academia Naval de Annapolis.

Segun parece, el equipo de base ball sera este ano muy prospero, dado a que esta compuesto por jugadores que no solo se han des-cacado en la academia, sino en otras instituciones.

La temporada de tennis se acerca y los jugadores vienen dispuestos a ganarse el campeonato intercolegial del estado. Este mencionado equipo esta compuesto por varios latinos y americanos, destacandose entre ellos Diego Arria, Roberto Pupo, Carlos Blanco, Domingo González, y Clemente Balladares; los ultimos a ecep-cion del primero son nuevos com-ponentes del team.

En el Junior Varsity tuvimos dos jugadores latinos solamente pero ambos se destacaron y recibieron honores por su magnifica labor. Ellos fueron Rafael Benjamin Col-indres y Andres Lopez.

H. Cuesta

CAMPUS TALK

I'm glad that Jack and Hurricane made it back from their party in D. C.

Here is a little Chemistry for you—J. C. plus L. M. goes to no reaction, because you get a precipi-tate that does not solidify.

Hey, who was that Queen that Ed had a date with at the "C" Com-pany dance?

Hey Steve, how is the Palestine National Guard coming along these days?

Hey Abie, I hear you are going mad, because the price of stuffed dogs is going up down at the fort. Alice won't like that very much.

Hey Sarge H., what's this stuff I hear about your Middle of the Road Policy.

I hear that the reporters of the Recall need to know what is meant by "Freedom of the Press."

Hey Munch, How is it that you have so much free time in the after-noons, especially during drill?

Hey Tiny, what is this I hear about your new "He-man physique" you are building down to.

Attention all cadets of the corps!! Ted Rinios has gone on a diet. This means there will be no food ration-ing in the mess hall anymore.

Hey Charlie, I hear you are get-ting dizzy running around in center-field these days. What seems to be the real trouble these afternoons.

Tell me, Babs, what is this I hear going around about you taking over Washington and Lee?

I hear there is a patch-up between Rose Marie and Fusser, as she could never hold a grudge against Fusser.

THE A.M.A. HIT PARADE

Sweet and Lovely Jim Mahanes
I walk Alone Ed England
Till Then (Graduation) ... Jim Smith
If You Love Me Half as Much as I Love You Col. Roller
Drumming Man Nestor Moya
You Belong to Me A. M. A.
Mister Touchdown, U. S. A. Joe Rossodavita
Lover Jim Hollar
I'm Yours Jordan Pugh
I'm Moving On Ted Rinios
Always Late Charles Hollingsworth
Don't Stay Away too Long ... Major Christy
Boots and Saddles Captain Gibbs
Love Me or Leave Me Bill Babione
Don't Blame It on Me Steve Askins
Damp Environment Hugh Llewelyn
How Much Is that Doggie in the Window Adrian Howard
Phillipine Love Chant Tito Leuterio
Sixteen Tons Antonio Alvarenga
You Don't Have to Speak the Language Diego Arria
Satisfied Mind Major Kramer

1955 Recall Wins First Awards In NSPA, CSPA Contest

The 1955 Recall won First A-wards in national contests through-out the 48 states of the Union. The National Scholastic Press Associ-ation, in cooperation with the Co-lumbia Scholalstic Press Associ-ation, organized and conducted the affair. The NSPA is located in Minnesota, and the CSPA is located at the University of Columbia.

The 1955 Recall was in competi-tion with schools scattered through-out all 48 statés of the Union. Of course these schools were all in the Preparatory School class, just as we are.

The official who judged the Augusta yearbook at NSPA com-mented, "A Good Job. The boys are to be congratulated on their fine work. Hope you have an even better book in 1956."

Steve Tomasek of Towson, Mary-land; was the editor of the 1955 Recall. Steve was second lieutenant of B Company, played Varsity Foot-ball, and Varsity Baseball at the time he was directing the work on the Recall.

HOW TO STUDY

Study means more than sitting and staring into an open book. If you would like to see if you are studying or not check the following list.

How to improve your study habits.

1. Know definitely what you are supposed to study.
2. Get yourself in a quiet place, and learn to concentrate regarless of noise.
3. Clear your mind and do not let it wander from your work.
4. Have the correct amount of light.
5. Do not let anyone bother you.
6. Have pencils, paper, and books ready before you start.

Now you are ready to begin your work.

1. Read the instructions careful-ly and be sure you know what the instructions say.
2. Read over the entire assign-ment first to get the general idea.
3. Read over the assignment and get the main idea from each para-graph.
4. Make written of mental notes of the main points.
5. Look for details which might be overlooked.
6. Look up new words.
7. Answer the questions or make several questions of your own.
8. Close your book and think through the assignment.

Junior Barracks News

Well, here we are back to school from Christmas vacation. Most of the boys have brought their toys back. These toys definitely make our junior barracks a mess.

We have a few new comers in J Barracks. We are glad to have Jerry Robbin, Watt Wilcox, Mike Sweeny, Jimmy Porter, and Juan Augliar. We welcome these boys.

We, here at J Barracks, have made many changes which make our home more pleasant now. The best rooms in the barracks are 342 with Butch Ward, Robbie Gratton, Omar Abdullah and Juan Augliar. The next room with the 'supers' are 349 with John Bickford and Jimmy Porter. Another super room is 360, a new room for Juniors, consisting of Bootie Hubbard, Nelson Salas, and Gus Vetencourt.

Since Christmas we have had quite a few birthdays. Tom Corbell was 12 and Mike Sweeney was 9. Both boys gave parties and every-one had a nice time.

The juniors now have a basket-ball team. The name is the A.M.A. Peeps. The team is made up of boys who did not make the Tigers. We have played two games with Har-riersonburg so far. The boys who play on the team are Norris Corbell, Fred Warmer, Juan Augliar, Bob Ridgeway, and Nelson Salas.

In closing I hope that the boys in the infirmary will be out soon to join us in all our fun.

Fred Warmer

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor of the Bayonet:

I have often wondered just exact-ly why the boys on the Bayonet staff are there. They work on their own time, which is very valuable here at Augusta to turn out one of the best school papers in the coun-try; and yet they receive no rec-ognition whatsoever.

It is only natural that athletics should receive greater recognition than any other extra curricular ac-tivity, but is is not at all proper that the good work being done on our school paper should go so entirely unnoticed.

I think that everyone who reads the Bayonet appreciates the excel-lent work being done. Cadet Hollar and his staff deserve the heartiest congratulations, for turning out such a fine paper for our enjoyment.

Sincerely,

Cadet Adrian L. Howard

Mrs. Robinson

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Augusta Stone Church and was an inspiring Bible teacher in this or-ganization for years. She was an active member of the Daughters of the Confederacy and musical direct-or and assistant to the faculty su-perintendent of the Augusta Military Academy Y. M. C. A. for 55 years.

The body was brought to White Hall, the residence of Colonel and Mrs. C. S. Roller, Jr., at five o'clock Wednesday afternoon and remained there until one half hour before the service, which was at Augusta Stone Church, at four o'clock Thursday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Reverend James A. Allison, pastor of Augusta Stone Church.

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OUR CHAMPIONS

R-M Wins State Military Schools Rifle Tournament; Augusta Military Is 2nd

Some of the best prep school marksmen in the country took part in the State Military Schools rifle tournament held at Fishburne Military School on 3 March. F. M. S. had placed third in the nation in the William Randolph Hearst Tourna-ment, while Randolph Macon took first place in their division. Augusta Military Academy, recent winners of the Annual V. P. I. Interschol-astic Tournament, was the most improved team present and made a strong bid to unseat R. M. A., per-ennial State Champions. Tension ran high as the rifles began to crack at 1:30 P. M., and it was soon evident that the pressure was work-ing against all of the teams. Neck

and neck down to the last firer, R. M. A. finally edged out A. M. A. by only seven points. Final stand-ings were:

- 1st: Randolph Macon, 1386
 - 2nd: Augusta Military Academy, 1379
 - 3rd: Fishburne, 1369
 - 4th: Massanutten, 1332
 - 5th: Staunton Military Academy, 1329
 - 6th: Hargrave Military Academy, 1295
 - 7th: Fork Union, 1237
- High man in the match was White of R. M. A.

Following the match the Colonel Childs Trophy was presented to the winning team captain at a review held by the Fishburne Cadet Corps. Medals were presented to the top shooters of the first and second place teams. Decorated for R. M. A. were White, Caldwell, Webb, Bras-tow and Nalls. Receiving medals for A. M. A. were Sheffer, Daugh-trey, Smith, Holland and Spencer.

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